

Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice

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On behalf of our community members in Bayview Hunters Point and all across the San Francisco Bay Area, Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice is encouraged that the US Navy and other government agencies are finally admitting what they knew to be true for years – that federal contractor Tetra Tech had falsified radioactive soil samples and manipulated data at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site and that the fraud appears to be massive and far beyond what had been acknowledged to date.

Unfortunately, city, state and federal agencies failed to take proper action against Tetra Tech and to protect our health, environment and taxpayer dollars for too many years, and kept saying that the cleanup was going well when the facts proved otherwise. Government agencies and the mega-developer Lennar/Five Points tried to ignore what whistleblowers have been saying, but now finally the truth is coming out.

An additional concern is that the US Navy, USEPA, and Lennar/Five Points plan on leaving high levels of radioactive and hazardous wastes buried at the site next to the San Francisco Bay waterfront, despite plans to build thousands of homes next to this area and despite the threat posed by rising sea levels due to climate change.

It is also unacceptable that Tetra Tech is working on the radioactive contaminated Treasure Island site.

Lastly, we are outraged that in October 2017 the USEPA gave Tetra Tech an \$85 million contract to assess contamination from old uranium mines on the Navajo Nation despite knowing about the fraud at the Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund Site.

WE DEMAND THE FOLLOWING:

1. Tetra Tech's license as a federal contractor must be revoked, with significant fines assessed. Tetra Tech should repay the government, and taxpayers, all monies from the Shipyard project.
2. New testing and data analysis at the Superfund site should include the entire original Shipyard site including parcels that have already been transferred, as well as adjacent areas where reports indicate illegal dumping may have occurred.
3. All new testing and data analysis must be conducted with full independent community oversight, with experts of our choosing participating in new testing and analysis – paid for with a government technical assistance grant.
4. Government must provide transparency and meaningful opportunities for public participation in decisions regarding the Shipyard, including inviting the public to attend what have been closed door "Tiger Team" meetings between the agencies, City Hall, and the develop Lennar/Five Points.

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**As Radioactive & Toxic Scandal at Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund Site Explodes:
Greenaction & Residents to Respond to Latest Revelations of Massive Fraud by
Government Contractor Tetra Tech – and Government Complicity - in Botched “Cleanup”**

Greenaction & Community Press Conference

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2018 at 5 PM
451 Galvez Street, Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco

US Navy “Community Meeting Open House” starts 5:30 pm

San Francisco, CA – As the government now admits that fraud related to their contractor Tetra Tech's work at the notorious Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site in Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco may likely be far greater than previously admitted, Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice, Golden Gate University School of Law's Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, and Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates will hold a press conference Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 5 pm, at 451 Galvez Street, San Francisco.

Speakers will address the latest revelations regarding Tetra Tech's massive fraud during years of “cleanup” of radioactive and toxic waste at the Shipyard, the attempted cover-up by government agencies, and what residents and environmental justice advocates are demanding of government agencies in order to see public health, the environment, and taxpayers' money protected. Speakers will also address plans by the Navy and USEPA to leave high levels of radioactive and toxic waste buried at the San Francisco Bay waterfront, despite rising sea levels caused by climate change.

Speakers will also question why state and federal “regulators” continue to allow Tetra Tech to work at contaminated Treasure Island, and will blast USEPA for giving Tetra Tech an \$85 million contract to work on uranium mine contamination on the Navajo Nation. An update will be provided on the Petition to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission filed last year by Greenaction calling on them to revoke Tetra Tech's national license.

At 5:30 participants will attend the Navy's Community Meeting/Open House at 451 Galvez, San Francisco.

Greenaction's Petition to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission including the new government draft reports on the Tetra Tech problem can be found at:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1gfn7ja0fc3c5l6/AAD7-9qzmbhhUTkGvpN4p_Xua?dl=0

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Dine CARE opposes contract awarded for uranium mine contamination assessment on Navajo Nation to company under investigation for radioactive cleanup fraud at San Francisco Superfund site

Dine CARE, a grassroots Navajo organization, is alarmed to learn that in October, 2017 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded Tetra Tech Inc. a contract worth \$85 million to assess uranium contamination at 30 abandoned uranium mines in and around the Navajo Nation.

It is unacceptable that U.S. EPA awarded this massive Navajo Area Abandoned Uranium Mines Response, Assessment, and Evaluation Services contract despite knowing that Tetra Tech had committed fraud regarding the "cleanup" of radioactive waste at the Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund Site in San Francisco, CA.

U.S. EPA has been aware for several years of the problems with Tetra Tech's work at the Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund Site. On September 13, 2016, U.S.EPA informed the Navy that due to questions about the "...integrity of the data from the Navy's contractor Tetra Tech ECI, Incorporated..." that further investigation would be undertaken. The U.S. EPA letter also stated *"We understand that several agencies are currently engaged in ongoing investigations regarding the nature and extent of Tetra Tech's misrepresentation of data delivered to the Navy."*

Despite U.S.EPA itself investigating and knowing of Tetra Tech's fraud at the Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund Site, Deborah Jordan, U.S. EPA's Acting Deputy Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest shockingly claimed in the announcement of the contract for work on the Navajo Nation that Tetra Tech is "...a company with strong technical and scientific capabilities..."

In addition, U.S.EPA awarded Tetra Tech the contract despite knowing that in June, 2017, Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice had filed a well-documented Petition to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission calling for the revocation of Tetra Tech's license in light of the apparent fraud committed by the company at the federal Superfund site in San Francisco.

We are further alarmed in light of revelations in the last week in a draft U.S. government "radiological data evaluation findings report" regarding the Shipyard Superfund site that nearly half of Tetra Tech's data reviewed were either "suspect" or showed "potential data manipulation or falsification."

The U.S.EPA has a trust responsibility to our Navajo Nation and people, and awarding a massive contract to Tetra Tech violates that trust responsibility. We demand the contract to Tetra Tech be rescinded immediately. We will be raising our concerns with our Navajo Nation government and the U.S. EPA.

"We are deeply disturbed to learn that US EPA awarded \$85 million to a contractor that apparently committed massive fraud. There are thousands of abandoned uranium mines on the Navajo Nation that need serious remediation and we are very worried that this issue will continue to go unaddressed. Who is looking out for the Navajo people?", said Earl Tully of Dine CARE.